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TAGS: MILI, FR, UK

SUBJECT: FRENCH T.V. INTEREST IN DIEGO GARCIA ISLAND

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FRENCH PICTURES AGENCY (AGENCE FRANCAISE D'IMAGES-AFI) IS MAKING A FILM ON WORLD STRATEGY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN JOINTLY WITH FRENCH TV AND WITH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTION OF STRATEGIC STUDIES. THE FILM IS BEING PREPARED IN CONNECTION WITH THE REOPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL. A SEGMENT OF THE FILM IS TO BE A REPORT ON NAVAL FORCES AND ISLANDS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

2. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS PROJECT EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE DIRECTOR AFI SUPPORTED BY A REQUEST FROM THE FILMS TECHNICAL ADVISOR REAR ADMIRAL H. LABROUSSE (RETIRED) STATING THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THEM TO COVER DIEGO GARCIA AND ASKING EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AN INTERVIEW WITH A HIGH RANKING AMERICAN OFFICIAL ON THE MEANING OF DIEGO GARCIA TO THE U.S. AND IN OBTAINING AUTHORIZATION TO VISIT DIEGO GARCIA AND FILM THE U.S. MILITARY COMPLEX.

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3. EMBASSY HAS MADE NO REPLY TO REQUEST, AND WOULD  
APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S GUIDANCE ON APPROPRIATE  
RESPONSE. WE PRESUME THAT REQUEST FOR VISIT TO  
DIEGO GARCIA SHOULD IN FIRST INSTANCE BE ADDRESSED TO UK  
AUTHORITIES.  
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